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SURVEY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS, OCTOBER 1970

(Preliminary results)

This bulletin contains preliminary results of the survey of weekly earnings and hours conducted for the last pay-period in October 1970, together with results of earlier surveys for comparison. Preliminary estimates for October 1970 have been prepared for the major classifications on the basis of figures reported by 90 per cent of survey respondents. These preliminary figures for 1970 may differ from final figures which will be published in greater detail when the survey has been completed.

2. The survey was conducted by means of a stratified random sample of private employers subject to pay-roll tax (i.e. those paying more than \$400 a week in wages and salaries). Excluded from the survey were employees of government and semi-government authorities; employees of religious, benevolent and other similar organisations exempt from pay-roll tax; employees in rural industry and in private domestic service; employees in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory; and waterside workers in casual employment.

3. The following definitions refer to terms used in tables of this bulletin.

4. Full-time employees are those employees who ordinarily work 30 hours or more a week and who received pay for the last pay-period in October. Part-time employees are those who ordinarily work less than 30 hours a week.

5. Adult employees include employees under 21 years of age paid at the adult rate for their occupation. Junior employees are all other employees under 21 years of age.

6. Other than managerial, etc. staff includes minor supervisory employees, leading hands, clerical and office staff as well as ordinary wages employees. It excludes managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff who were not further defined.

7. Weekly earnings refer to gross earnings before taxation and other deductions have been made, for the last pay-period in October. It includes overtime earnings, ordinary time earnings, shift allowances, penalty rates, commission and similar payments, and paid leave taken during the pay-period. Retrospective payments are excluded. Overtime earnings refers to that part of gross weekly earnings for hours paid for in excess of award, standard or agreed hours of work. Ordinary time earnings refers to that part of gross weekly earnings for award, standard or agreed hours of work.

8. Weekly man-hours paid for refers to the sum of man-hours for which payment was made. It includes overtime hours, ordinary time hours, paid standby or reporting time and paid leave taken in the pay-period. For employees absent for part of the pay-period only man-hours actually paid for are included. Overtime hours refers to hours in excess of award, standard or agreed hours of work. Ordinary time hours refers to award, standard or agreed hours of work.

9. For full details of these surveys of weekly earnings and hours, including explanatory notes, definitions and a copy of the survey form, see statistical bulletin, Survey of Weekly Earnings and Hours, October 1969 (Reference No. 6.1) which also contains the results of surveys conducted in October 1962 to 1969.

10. The estimated average weekly earnings in the tables below are rounded to the nearest 10 cents, and those of average weekly hours paid for to the first decimal place. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. - AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS, PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT -
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA (a)
OCTOBER 1969 AND 1970 (b)

	Males		Females	
	October 1969	October 1970 (c)	October 1969	October 1970 (c)
Average weekly earnings (\$)				
Full-time employees -				
Managerial, etc. staff	116.90	128.20	67.10	72.20
Other than managerial, etc.				
staff -				
Adults	74.00	79.80	43.20	47.40
Juniors	35.80	38.70	28.60	31.30
Part-time employees -				
Adults	23.40	25.90	21.70	23.20
Juniors	5.70	6.10	7.00	5.80
Average weekly hours paid for				
Full-time employees -				
Managerial, etc. staff (d)
Other than managerial, etc.				
staff -				
Adults	43.6	43.5	39.4	39.4
Juniors	40.9	40.9	39.0	39.0
Part-time employees -				
Adults	14.1	14.5	17.6	17.7
Juniors	7.1	6.7	9.4	6.8

(a) Private employees. Excludes rural industry and private domestic service. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Last pay-period in October 1969 and 1970. (c) Preliminary figures subject to revision - see paragraph 1, page 1. (d) Hours of work for managerial, etc. staff were not reported.

**TABLE 2. - AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS - ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (a), STATES
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES (OTHER THAN MANAGERIAL, ETC., STAFF) IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT (b)
OCTOBER 1969 AND 1970 (c)**

State	Adult males		Junior males		Adult females		Junior females	
	Oct.1969	Oct.1970 (d)	Oct.1969	Oct.1970 (d)	Oct.1969	Oct.1970 (d)	Oct.1969	Oct.1970 (d)
Average weekly earnings (\$)								
New South Wales	76.10	82.00	36.40	40.10	44.90	49.40	29.60	32.20
Victoria	73.60	79.10	37.00	39.60	42.50	46.40	29.90	33.10
Queensland	70.90	76.80	34.40	36.20	41.60	45.00	26.10	29.10
South Aust.	68.90	73.90	34.40	36.20	39.90	43.50	27.00	28.50
Western Aust.	77.30	85.20	34.30	37.90	43.40	47.40	27.30	30.00
Tasmania	69.60	74.00	34.50	37.70	40.00	43.00	26.60	28.70
Australia (e)	74.00	79.80	35.80	38.70	43.20	47.40	28.60	31.30
Average weekly hours paid for								
New South Wales	43.5	43.5	40.7	40.8	39.3	39.3	38.7	39.0
Victoria	43.6	43.5	40.8	40.8	39.4	39.3	38.7	38.9
Queensland	43.0	42.7	40.9	40.4	39.5	39.6	39.5	39.5
South Aust.	43.5	43.2	41.5	41.4	39.6	39.4	39.5	39.1
Western Aust.	45.5	45.3	41.8	42.0	39.9	39.7	39.6	39.1
Tasmania	42.2	41.9	40.2	40.5	38.9	38.9	39.0	38.9
Australia (e)	43.6	43.5	40.9	40.9	39.4	39.4	39.0	39.0

(a) Excludes rural industry and private domestic service.

(b) Private employees. Excludes managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff.

(c) Last pay-period in October 1969 and 1970.

(d) Preliminary figures subject to revision - see paragraph 1, page 1.

(e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 3. - AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME AND ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS AND HOURS (a), PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES (OTHER THAN MANAGERIAL STAFF) (b) - AUSTRALIA (c)

OCTOBER 1969 AND 1970 (d)

	MANUFACTURING					NON-MANUFACTURING					ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (e)				
	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1970 (f)	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1970 (f)	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1970 (f)
Average weekly earnings (\$)															
Adult males -															
Overtime earnings (a)	9.10	10.10	11.00	12.40	13.20	7.00	7.40	9.00	10.30	11.30	8.20	9.00	10.10	11.50	12.30
Ordinary time earnings	51.60	54.40	57.60	61.00	65.40	55.00	57.30	60.40	64.60	70.00	53.00	55.70	58.80	62.50	67.50
Total	60.70	64.50	68.60	73.30	78.60	61.90	64.70	69.40	74.90	81.30	61.20	64.60	69.00	74.00	79.80
Junior males -															
Overtime earnings (a)	2.60	3.20	3.40	3.60	3.80	1.30	1.70	2.00	2.00	2.60	2.00	2.40	2.70	2.80	3.20
Ordinary time earnings	27.00	28.90	30.90	32.30	34.70	27.80	29.30	31.40	33.70	36.20	27.40	29.10	31.10	33.00	35.50
Total	29.70	32.00	34.20	36.00	38.50	29.10	31.10	33.30	35.70	38.80	29.40	31.50	33.80	35.80	38.70
Adult females -															
Overtime earnings (a)	1.80	2.00	2.20	2.70	3.10	0.90	0.90	1.10	1.30	1.50	1.40	1.50	1.70	2.10	2.30
Ordinary time earnings	32.50	34.30	35.40	38.50	42.20	35.90	38.20	40.20	44.20	48.10	34.00	36.10	37.60	41.20	45.00
Total	34.30	36.30	37.60	41.20	45.30	36.80	39.20	41.20	45.50	49.60	35.40	37.60	39.30	43.20	47.40
Junior females -															
Overtime earnings (a)	0.80	0.80	0.90	1.10	1.20	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.80	0.90
Ordinary time earnings	22.00	22.80	23.50	25.90	28.00	23.60	25.00	25.80	28.80	31.30	23.10	24.30	25.00	27.90	30.40
Total	22.80	23.70	24.40	27.00	29.20	23.90	25.40	26.20	29.40	32.10	23.60	24.80	25.60	28.60	31.30
Average weekly hours paid for															
Adult males -															
Overtime hours (a)	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.3	3.5	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.9
Ordinary time hours	38.8	38.8	38.7	38.6	38.6	38.9	38.9	38.7	38.7	38.6	38.8	38.8	38.7	38.7	38.6
Total	43.5	43.7	43.7	44.1	44.0	42.4	42.4	42.7	42.9	42.9	43.0	43.1	43.3	43.6	43.5
Junior males -															
Overtime hours (a)	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Ordinary time hours	38.8	38.6	38.6	38.5	38.5	38.9	39.1	39.0	39.0	38.9	38.9	38.8	38.8	38.8	38.7
Total	41.2	41.3	41.2	41.3	41.1	40.1	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.6	40.7	40.9	40.9	40.9	40.9
Adult females -															
Overtime hours (a)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Ordinary time hours	38.0	37.8	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.3	38.3	38.2	38.2	38.1	38.1	38.0	37.9	38.1	38.0
Total	39.4	39.3	39.3	39.8	39.7	39.0	39.0	38.9	39.0	38.9	39.2	39.2	39.1	39.4	39.4
Junior females -															
Overtime hours (a)	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Ordinary time hours	38.4	38.3	38.0	37.9	38.2	38.6	38.5	38.5	38.4	38.4	38.5	38.4	38.4	38.3	38.3
Total	39.3	39.2	39.0	39.1	39.3	39.0	38.9	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.1	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0

(a) Averages for all employees represented in the estimates whether or not they worked overtime. (b) Private employees. Excludes managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff. (c) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (d) Last pay period in October 1969 and 1970. (e) Excludes rural industry and private domestic service. (f) Preliminary figures subject to revision - see paragraph 1, page 1.

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